PASSIVE PROGRAM COMPLETION STATUS INDICATOR FOR AN ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE

5   ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A line indicating the current time is displayed across at least a portion of an

electronic program guide (EPG). The line is perpendicular to the time axis of the

EPG and bisects at least one program element of the EPG into an elapsed portion

and a remaining portion, each being proportional in size to the time periods

10   represented thereby. The ratio of the elapsed time to the running time of the

program is an indication of the completion status of the program. In certain

implementations, the line bisects a plurality of elements of the EPG, allowing the

user to immediately determine the completion status of a plurality of programs.